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SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Are the Government aware, Sir, that the Prohibition Committee in the Krishna district has expressed against even experimenting on sweet toddy? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the discussion is getting expanded, running over the whole policy. The hon. Member who last put the supplementary question knows how generous the Government have been to undertake risks in this matter. We have given quite a number of experimental concessions in regard to the tapping and sale of unfermented toddy, as it is called, in a number of places coming within the purview of the hon. Member and lastly, I may say, in his own constituency. Now, I would like more time to consider how far we can go in this very important matter. It cannot be done in this atmosphere."

Leasing of the lands of the temple in Gudumula Rameswaram in Razole taluk, East Godavari district.

* 661 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state whether the temple lands of the temple in Gudumula Rameswaram in Razole taluk in East Godavari district, have been leased out for 99 years and, if so, the extent of the land so leased out, the name of the lessee, the lease amount and the date when the said lease was made out and whether the approval of the Commissioner for Religious Endowments has been given for the said lease and, if so, when? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" No lands belonging to the Gudumula Rameswaram temple have been leased out for 99 years. The other questions do not arise."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that in many other temples, the lease for 99 years by the trustees to their relatives is becoming a feature? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" No, Sir."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" May I know, Sir, if those lands are not leased for 99 years, for how long are they being leased and can the Hon. Minister tell us the period if it is less than 99 years? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" Sir, they are being leased for small periods. But there is one lease for 50 years by the Archaka of the temple."

SRI G. ANJANEYULU :—" అయ్యా, ట్రస్టీలు దేవుడి సొమ్ము కూడా అపహరిస్తూఉంటే మంత్రిగారిని deputation ద్వారా కలుసుకున్నాం. ఎందుకు అశ్రద్ధ చేస్తున్నారో చెప్పగలరా? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" All questions coming to my notice are being carefully enquired into Sir."

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SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, are the lands leased out by the archakas or are the lands leased by any Committee and have the Government any hand in leasing out the lands? I am afraid if the archakas are allowed to lease out the lands as they like, then quite a number of problems would arise."

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" Sir, the leases are not being let out for a long time and leases are being auctioned in public auctions. That is the safest method for getting good returns."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" Sir, will the Government order an enquiry into complaints where trustees have leased out or assigned temple lands in the name of their kith and kin at a nominal Nazirana on the eve of the Estates Abolition Act coming into force? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" Whenever such matters are brought to the notice of the Government, the Government have taken steps to enquire."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister told us that one person had been given lease for about 50 years. May I know the name of the person to whom the lease has been given and the time when it was given? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" Sir, the name of the person is not there. In one case 600 acres of lands have been leased out in 1890 by the Archaka for a period of 50 years."

SRI K. KOTI REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, if instructions cannot be given to the trustees of the temples not to lease temple lands for more than five years? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" In all cases, the Government take care to see that unnecessarily long term leases are not given."

SRI T. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister stated that a lease for 50 years was given in 1890; if so, how is it subsisting now? The question is whether there are long leases recently given and if so, who are the lessees? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" I want notice, Sir."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" It is said that 600 acres had been leased out to one person in 1890 for 50 years. Naturally it should have expired in 1940. Now, may I know what has happened to these 600 acres? Are the lands again leased out to some other person of the same type as above for another 50 years or is it divided into different plots and leased out to different persons, and if so, for how many years? " 10-30 a.m.

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Sir, the Member from Razole should be given a chance, Sir, as he is not able to catch your eye."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" Why should I give preference to that particular Member? I now call Mr. K. Krishna Rao."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" I think this question was put by the Member from Razole."

MR. SPEAKER :—" No, it was put by Sri K. Krishna Rao."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Sir, this particular question relates to Razole constituency and so the Member from Razole should be given a chance. He is not able to catch your eye, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is not my fault."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that the gentleman who was given this 600 acres earned the kindness of the Government by assisting them in their anti-communist drive and drive against the Harijans. And was it to recompensate that they gave him 600 acres? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" I am not aware of any such thing, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question-hour is over. The rest of the questions and answers will be printed in the official proceedings."

Rural Welfare Scheme in Musiri taluk.

* 662 *Q.*—SRI S. P. THANGAVELU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many firkas of Musiri taluk were included in the Rural Welfare Scheme so far;

(*b*) what are the works including the constructions of roads (Rural Welfare), wells and opening of the school for the past two years (for the period between 1951 to December 1952); and

(*c*) the money spent by the department over these works and the contributions by the respective villagers?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (*a*) Three firkas.

"(*b*) 15 road works, 13 well works and 43 works under Collector's lump-sum grants including the construction of 9 school buildings.

" Nine reading rooms, 10 elementary schools and 22 adult schools were opened. A maternity centre was started. One irrigation tank was repaired. Seven stud bulls were supplied.

" (*c*) The money so far spent by the Government on the road (excepting one item for which particulars are not readily available), well and lump-sum grant works was Rs. 70,109, the contribution collected from villagers in cash, kind or labour in respect of these works was of the value of Rs. 60,470."